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Letter dated 9 April 2001 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution No. 209 dated 28 March 2001, entitled "Lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Sudan", adopted by the Thirteenth Arab Summit Conference, held at Amman on 28 and 29 March 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to this letter and its annex, and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Sudan

The Council of the League of Arab States, meeting at the summit level,

Noting that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan has completed the necessary procedures for accession to all the international conventions and protocols for the suppression of terrorism and has joined in regional agreements and programmes seeking to combat and eliminate terrorism within the framework of the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, that it is participating actively in the efforts of the international community to combat terrorism and that it is enacting legislation and taking innovative measures to combat terrorist crimes and punish those who commit them,

Viewing with appreciation the success of the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of the Sudan to normalize its relations with its neighbours as well as at the inter-Arab and pan-African levels and its entry into fruitful relations of cooperation with them and into constructive dialogue with the States members of the European Union,

Noting the wide support for the request of the Government of the Republic of the Sudan that the sanctions should be lifted, as expressed in the positions taken by the governments of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia as well as by the Organization of African Unity, the Arab, African and Islamic groups, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and 14 of the members of the United Nations Security Council,

Appreciating the fact that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan has discharged all of its obligations under the resolutions by which the Security Council imposed the sanctions on the country,

Expressing its concern that the United States of America has imposed unilateral economic sanctions that impede development efforts, and particularly investment in the oil sector, and that have had an adverse impact on efforts to achieve peace and stability in the Sudan,

Decides:

1. To endorse the request of the Government of the Sudan that the sanctions imposed under the relevant Security Council resolutions should be lifted;

2. To support the joint Egyptian-Libyan initiative to help the Sudan to resolve the problem of the south and achieve national reconciliation;

3. To provide all the support and assistance required so that the sanctions imposed on the Sudan will be lifted, and to urge the coordination of efforts with all the geographical groups at the United Nations in support of this just demand;

4. To voice its rejection of the sanctions being unilaterally maintained by the United States against the Sudan and against the companies cooperating with it in

exploiting its national resources, and to urge the initiation of a constructive political dialogue based on respect for international legitimacy and on the sovereignty of States and non-interference in their internal affairs;

5. To canvass the members of the Security Council for the lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Republic of the Sudan, the latter having fulfilled its obligations under the relevant Security Council resolutions;

6. To request the Secretary-General to hold the necessary consultations, to coordinate action with all relevant bodies and groupings with a view to following up the implementation of this resolution, and to submit a report on the matter to the Council at its next session.